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S.B. No. 520

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the requirement that certain applicants for a vehicle
3 dealer general distinguishing number complete a dealer education
4 course.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 503.029, Transportation Code, is amended
7 by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

8 (d) An applicant for an original dealer general
9 distinguishing number who proposes to be an independent motor
10 vehicle dealer and who does not hold a general distinguishing
11 number as a franchised motor vehicle dealer or independent motor
12 vehicle dealer must submit to the department evidence that the
13 applicant completed a dealer education course, approved by the
14 department, in the year preceding the date the application is
15 filed. The course must be at least eight hours and not more than 12
16 hours in length.

17 (e) The department may approve a dealer education course
18 under Subsection (d) only if the provider of the course:

19 (1) is a business with experience providing compliance
20 education to independent motor vehicle dealers;

21 (2) provides online and CD-ROM versions of the course
22 with assessment and verification capabilities;

23 (3) provides ongoing educational support by telephone
24 or the Internet for one year at no additional cost to persons who

1 have completed a course;

2 (4) provides at least one instructor-led dealer
3 education course each month, including at least one instructor-led
4 course each year in or near:

5 (A) Austin;

6 (B) Dallas and Fort Worth;

7 (C) El Paso;

8 (D) Houston; and

9 (E) San Antonio; and

10 (5) has a curriculum review panel for the course that
11 consists of at least four independent motor vehicle dealers who
12 hold dealer general distinguishing numbers.

13 SECTION 2. Section 503.029(d), Transportation Code, as
14 added by this Act, applies only to an application for an original
15 independent motor vehicle dealer general distinguishing number
16 filed with the Texas Department of Transportation on or after
17 September 1, 2010. An application filed before that date is
18 governed by the law in effect when the application was filed, and
19 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2010, the Texas
21 Department of Transportation shall begin to approve or reject
22 applications from providers of dealer education courses under
23 Sections 503.029(d) and (e), Transportation Code, as added by this
24 Act.

25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.